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Miss Jane Smith, Director
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The National Archives
Washington, D.C. 20408

Dear Miss Smith,

Thanks for your letter of the first and the enclosed copy of the medical report dated 11/1/66.

If you cannot provide a better copy -and with the original a clear one should present no problems - would you please be kind enough to inform me what the handwritten notations say? On my copy they are almost all undecipherable.

Having read this report, and with some familiarity with the regulations and the law, I can find no legitimate basis for this document ever having been classified and I do not believe the reasons given for withholding it from me are genuine. I therefore ask what led to its declassification, when it was declassified, at whose request or direction, and how the conditions that led to its being withheld from me in any way have changed.

This report does not seem to contain all that has been published about the actions of the Secret Service agent in confiscating and exposing the film. I therefore ask for all such reports and, if any are withheld, a list of them and the reasons for the withholding in each case. I mean by this all the reports about the filming and the incident itself, not just the confiscation.

With regard to the copy sent me, I believe it was made from a copy of unknown generation. Recopying is clearly visible in the pages, as is the telltale signs of rexeroxing, on every page. I would prefer a copy made from the original.

The report was not signed until 10 days after the examination referred to in it. It is also signed by two people who were not part of that examination. I therefore ask for all relevant documents, including covering letters, instructions and anything and everything else leading to this examination and this report or relevant to it and the examination, except for that which is among the papers generally known as the panel report (the Boswell letter and his and Humes 5-page report). If anything of this nature is denied me, I would appreciate a list so I may proceed further.

Declassification of this report bears upon other materials that have been denied me. I therefore ask for a review of the denial of that public information, and for copies if it is agreed that release of this report eliminates the basis given in the other cases.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

HR. I can see no legitimate reason for withholding this and a number of improper reasons. So, I am concerned about its declassification for no apparent reason, as I am concerned about its preparation for no apparent reason and the withholding of the significant information it holds from the Commission. I have more than one request that encompasses this report. The letter to me is general in its reference. The report is 11 pages long and is signed also by Ebersole and Stringer. I recall the alleged purpose. No reference whatsoever is made to it. All of this is another way os noting new and needles mysteries, unles there is a purpose in declassification that impels caution. I strongly recommend it and silence about this until we learn more.